

Libya's broken pledge moves Paris to 'review' arms sales

by JACK MAURICE
ID NEWS AGENCIES
— The French government yesterday was reviewing its policy following the disclosure that Libya broke its pledge to send French-made warplanes to Egypt to fight against Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

French spokesman Andre Rossignol said the announcement after a cabinet meeting under President Giscard d'Estaing.

He said the announcement that the French government has decided to review its policy on arms sales to Libya is a "new position in the field."

He refused to say whether the French government would stop further arms sales to Libya, which has received Mirage 5 fighters and other aircraft since the Yom Kippur War, or whether it might lift complete embargo on arms sales to Libya.

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The whole sorrowful story of French behind-the-scenes diplomacy has been revealed by the admission of President Anwar Sadat in Cairo that Gaddafi of Libya had loaned him these Mirages which were used on "combat missions."

ISRAELI PROTEST

Israel shot down five Libyan Mirage 5s and protested to France when the Paris-Tripoli contract was signed in January 1970 for 110 of these aircraft. France said that under the 1968 Middle East arms embargo, which is still effective, the Mirages could not be used by a front line country like Egypt, Syria or Jordan. De Gaulle blocked the sale of 50 Mirages to Israel even though they had been paid for.

All the 110 Mirages were finally delivered by last May, and Libya at once ordered a further 50.

The 110 planes included 10 trainers and 10 reconnaissance planes. The other 90 were all fighter-bombers.

The contract stipulated that Libya

"must not sell or loan or give" them to another country.

Israel made a formal complaint during the Yom Kippur War which the Quai d'Orsay stonewalled day after day by stating "we must have proof."

Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban then handed the French ambassador photographs of downed Libyan Mirages, but the Quai d'Orsay maintained they were not sufficient proof.

It asked for parts of the wrecked planes to be sent to France to verify the manufacturer's registration number.

Israel, fighting a war, did not have the time to comply and the Quai d'Orsay has for the past 10 months been able to maintain its story that the Paris-Tripoli Mirage contract was not breached.

The newspaper "France Soir" reprinted a statement by Israeli General Shlomo Gazit, O/C Intelligence, in October 1973, bitterly telling newsmen his brother-in-law had his legs cut off in the first days of the Yom Kippur War by a burst of fire from a Mirage on which he had not opened fire because he thought it was an Israeli plane.

Sadat blasts Gaddafi, reveals Libya gave him French planes

Lebanon (AP). — President Sadat of Egypt yesterday revealed the ouster of Libyan leader Gaddafi by Aug. 18, French-language Beirut news-Lebanon said. Sadat said the ouster of Gaddafi in a letter to the Egyptian Prime Minister Major Jalloud.

He attributed its report to diplomatic sources in Beirut, not saying when the ultimatum was sent but implied it was from the scathing letter addressed to Libya's Revolutionary Command Council accusing it of plotting sabotage and action attempts in Egypt.

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'Gaddafi aids some dailies in East Jerusalem'

In his letter to the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council yesterday, Egyptian President Sadat accused Libyan ruler Gaddafi of financing "some" Arab dailies published in East Jerusalem, Cairo Radio reported. He did not name them.

The three Arab dailies published in East Jerusalem are "Al-Fajr" (The Dawn), "Al-Sha'ab" (The People) — both of which take an extreme nationalist line — and the more moderate "Al-Kuds" which, unlike the first two, has frequently criticized Gaddafi's regime.

Sadat warned that Libya's attitude toward Egypt could lead to "dangerous consequences." There was no elaboration but he added, "We will not keep silent for long though we will be patient."

In a passage that seemed aimed squarely at Gaddafi, Sadat said, "I am still hoping that you realize before it is too late Egypt will not buckle to any pressure, financial or otherwise even if we have to go without food or clothing."

He suggested Libya send a delegate to Cairo to work out a timetable for the gradual return of the aircraft conforming with combat needs.

Diplomatic sources believe at least 24 of the Mirages France delivered to Libya are in Egypt.

Libya first asked on June 12 that the planes be returned "since their fighting duties are over and they are badly needed here," Sadat disclosed. But Egypt refused saying the planes still had operational responsibilities and "we cannot comply with your request without a political decision by the leadership of the two countries."

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SAUDI, EGYPTIAN LEADERS SKIRT PALESTINIAN ISSUE

By ANAN SAFADI
Arab Affairs Correspondent
Arabian King Faisal and President Anwar Sadat yesterday skirted the issue of who is the legitimate ruler of the Palestinian people, only a broad statement of support for the "legitimate rights" of Palestinians.

In Paris, Egyptian Foreign Minister Fawzi Sayidani repeated his statement that Jordan should not be the West Bank. He said the West Bank should be an "independent authority" and that he rather see it in the hands of the Palestinian Liberation Organization than under Jordanian rule.

Saudi and Egyptian leaders, said nothing of the sort

in their joint communiqué issued at the end of Faisal's nine-day visit to Egypt. They had been expected to clear up the controversy over the status of the PLO, now plunging the Arab world.

In their only reference to the subject, the two leaders pledged to support the "Palestinian resistance," and back "its struggle for the liberation of its land and the restoration of its legitimate rights, in accordance with the resolutions of the Arab summit conference of Algiers and the Islamic summit held in Lahore" last year. Faisal and Sadat did not mention the PLO or their support for its claim to be the sole representative of the Palestinian people, as was resolved by the Algiers and Lahore summit conferences. Instead, they pledged to support the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians.

NO REFERENCE

They made no reference to the controversial Egyptian-Jordanian declaration of July 18 which endorsed Jordan's claim to represent the Palestinian majority "living in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan." This declaration was undermined last Monday by Fawzi.

Faisal joined Jordan and Egypt in calling for the postponement of the Arab summit conferences scheduled to be held on September 3 in Rabat, Morocco.

Saudi Arabia thus became the 14th of the 20 states in the Arab League to support the call for the postponement, first urged by Jordan when the terrorists challenged its right to represent the Palestinians.

Faisal and Sadat proposed that the summit be held in mid-October following the end of the Ramadan month-long fast of Ramadan.

"In support of the efforts to coordinate policy between the confrontation states (Egypt, Syria and Jordan) and the Palestinian resistance movement, King Faisal sees that this matter requires greater consultations and contacts in order to prepare a suitable brotherly atmosphere" for the summit, the communiqué said.

The communiqué added that Faisal has extended \$300m. in immediate aid to Egypt, and that the countries would exchange early visits to promote further financial and economic cooperation. (During the King's stay in Cairo, newspapers reported he had decided to give \$1,000m. as a gift to Egypt, plus a \$500m. interest-free loan, but there was no mention of these sums in the communiqué.)

WASHINGTON. — Rumours that President Nixon is about to resign swept through Washington yesterday but a White House spokesman said he did not expect any such announcement.

ABC news correspondent Bob Clark reported that Sen. Barry Goldwater, (R-Ariz.) had received indications that Nixon planned to resign. ABC said Goldwater told his Senate colleagues to "watch their television sets" because Nixon was going on national television.

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behalf of all the Republican senators, but rather on each man's own initiative.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday the Senate should go ahead with an impeachment trial, provided the House recommended it, even if Nixon resigned.

Mansfield, talking to reporters, said: "It's gone so far now that I think we'd better carry it through to a conclusion."

The Democratic leader said there was precedent for his view. He said an impeachment trial had been conducted involving a federal judge after the judge resigned.

Staking out a neutral position, Mansfield also said Congress had to decide whether the American people want Nixon to be granted immunity from criminal prosecution in the Watergate cover-up.

The President himself was in seclusion yesterday.

But the Watergate complications continued to build up. The President's lawyer told a federal court yesterday that nine more subpoenaed Watergate conversations apparently were never recorded.

The missing tapes include Nixon's telephone conversations with his former top aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, on April 16, April 18 and April 19, 1973, at a time when the Watergate cover-up was unravelling. Those missing conversations were telephone calls made from the residence portion of the White House.

Presidential lawyer James St. Clair said the calls apparently were made on a telephone which was not wired into the taping system.

"To the best of our knowledge and belief, this conversation was not recorded. We cannot find any such conversation and do not believe it ever was recorded," St. Clair said of one of the calls, and made similar remarks about the others.

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica had scheduled the hearing to receive the final batch of Watergate tapes and documents.

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LATE BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Nixon conferred late yesterday afternoon with Republican Congressional leaders and Senator Barry M. Goldwater "to assess the current situation," a spokesman announced.

Joining Nixon and Goldwater at the session in the Oval Office, which began about 21:10 GMT (midnight Israel time) were Senator Hugh Scott, the Senate Republican leader, and House Republican leader John Rhodes.

Senator Goldwater emerged late from the meeting and said the American chief executive has made "no decision" on whether to resign.

Goldwater also said, "We made no suggestions." Sen. Scott said, "The President made the point very strongly that any decision he makes will be in the national interest."

Goldwater said Nixon "invited us down to discuss to him what we feel the actual conditions are regarding his situation."

Earlier, White House press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said: "We cannot confirm any of the rumours nor will we." He made the statement after leaving the President's hideaway Executive Office building suite with Nixon's daughter Tricia, her husband Edward Cox and Nixon's other son-in-law, David Eisenhower.

A White House source said Nixon's other daughter, Julie Eisenhower, met with her father earlier in the day in his Executive Office building suite.

Democratic, Republican leaders: BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY TO CONTINUE

WASHINGTON. — The Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate pledged their continuing support to the nation's foreign policy regardless of President Nixon's impeachment troubles.

Majority leader Mike Mansfield and minority leader Hugh Scott reiterated their agreement with the Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's statement Tuesday that "where questions of war and peace are involved, no foreign government should have any doubts about the way in which our foreign policy will be conducted."

Mansfield, a Montana Democrat, declared: "We fully endorse the views expressed by Secretary Kissinger and, despite our domestic difficulties, we will continue as Democrats to work with our Republican counterparts to make certain and to make known to all countries that our foreign policy will continue to be conducted on a bipartisan basis."

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Israel planes strike twice in Fatahland New Israeli rocket shown Engineering Corps display

Jerusalem Post Staff
Israel Air Force planes attacked terrorist targets in Fatahland yesterday, the army spokesman announced. The planes swept up at 1 a.m. and again at 2:10 a.m. They all returned safely to base.

The air raids came after the abduction Tuesday of four Druse laborers who had been working on the security fence along the northern border. One of the Druses, taken by armed marauders from across the Lebanese border, managed to escape and returned to Israel yesterday morning.

(The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine yesterday claimed credit for capturing three men "working on Israeli military installations near the border with the occupied Golan Heights.") The announcement, which came from Beirut, said the prisoners were taken by one of the front's gangs operating "inside occupied territory."

The Lebanese Defence Ministry said yesterday that the second Israeli raid killed two Lebanese civilians and wounded 17 others. Two of the wounded were soldiers and about 10 were Palestinian terrorists. The Ministry named the targets hit by the planes as Fatah al-Fukhar, the Khabra crossroads and the Hasbani River course. It said two military jeeps, some houses and some crops were damaged.

The early-morning raid caused no known casualties, the wire services reported from Beirut.

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
An Israeli rocket for penetrating and destroying fortified positions was one of several new weapons and items of equipment demonstrated by the Army's Engineering Corps yesterday. Correspondents and foreign military attaches watched the display at a training area in the Judean Desert, on the eve of Engineering Corps Day today.

Other new items demonstrated included two types of Israeli-made "Zeev" artillery rockets, a defensive fragmentation charge which can explode at a pre-set height above ground, two bridging tanks, a mine-planter and a mine-hole digger.

The rocket for penetrating fortifications carries a 200 kg. charge for up to 400 metres. Its chief advantage is that the charge explodes only after it has penetrated the outer fortification, instead of on impact.

The Zeev rockets, developed in Israel during the War of Attrition, are propelled by Katyusha rocket engines. The "Big Zeev" delivers 180 kg. of explosives up to 1 km. and the "Little Zeev" carries 70 kg. to a range of 4 kms.

4 1/2 KG. CHARGE

The defensive fragmentation device carries a 4 1/2 kg. charge about 150 metres. It can explode in the air, spraying a large area with splinters, or on impact with the ground. It is used to defend positions against ground attack.

Of the two bridging tanks displayed, one is a Russian-made vehicle, a number of which were captured on both the Syrian and Egyptian fronts in the Yom Kippur War. Based on the T-55 tank, it can span an 18-metre gap in six minutes. The second is an American Patton M-48 whose span is 16 metres, but takes only four minutes to erect.

The mine-planter is another Soviet-made tank captured during the war. It is towed by an armoured personnel carrier and it digs the hole, places the mine and covers it, with a capacity of 1,600 mines a day.

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(More men needed, photo of "Zeev" in action, Page 2.)

Druse describes escape from terrorists

SAFAD. — Kassem Awad, one of four Druse captured by terrorists on the northern security fence, said yesterday he had escaped back to Israel after his captors allowed him to leave the group to relieve himself.

The 49-year-old labourer said that when he and four other workers were surprised by the armed terrorists, one Druse managed to run away. The terrorists threatened to kill the others took them on a trek through Fatahland to the Lebanese village of Raashaya al-Fukhar.

Here Awad asked to relieve himself. He was untied, and once behind a rock began to run, reaching an Israeli border post yesterday morning. He said no attempt was made to pursue him.

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Move to avert Jordan-Syria front

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — If war breaks out again on the Israeli-Syrian front, Jordan will likely join forces with Syria and open fire all along the Israeli-Jordanian front, according to informed sources here. This is one of the reasons the U.S. and Israel now believe the next stage in the negotiations in the Middle East should be between Amman and Jerusalem.

These sources do not believe Jordan would unilaterally resume war with Israel if there is no progress on the diplomatic front, since the Israeli army would probably crush King Hussein's troops very quickly. But together with Syria, Jordanian participation would significantly affect Israel's ability to counter an

attack.

Since the October War, Syria has surpassed Egypt as the strongest military power in the Arab world, the sources say. This is because the Soviets have almost completely stopped shipping arms to Egypt, while they have intensified their military air and sea efforts to Syria, which include several Mig 23 planes and other highly sophisticated equipment.

In November, the UN must renew UNDOF's mandate to patrol the Golan Heights cease-fire line. At that time, the bad weather in the region lessens the chances that war would break out.

But six months later — when the mandate would have to be renewed again — the chances for an outbreak of fighting would increase

if there is no further Israeli withdrawal from the Heights, according to the sources.

Israel has begun a massive training operation during the past few days, readying its first line equipment, not because it believes war will break out tomorrow, but because it "is keeping its eyes open," the sources said.

At the same time, Israel is also prepared to move forward at the negotiating table. Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Rifai was scheduled to meet for the second time yesterday afternoon with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, at the State Department.

There have been reports here that Rifai offered the Secretary a specific plan for an Israeli-Jordanian agreement on Tuesday.

Professor NADAV SAFAAN, who has just spent a month in Egypt, gives DAVID LANDAU his impressions of the mood of the country's political community.

SHULAMIT ALONI tells MARK SEGAL about some of her main interests as Minister without Portfolio.

RONNIE HOPE talks to two members of one of the IDF's most unpublicized formations — the bomb disposal unit of the Engineering Corps.

Dr. NICHOLAS FLEMING, the British oceanographer, talks to YA'ACOV ARDON about underwater archaeology off Israel's shores.

OIKOUMENIKOS describes the visit to Israel of a Spanish group dedicated to fostering Christian-Jewish understanding.

"Sefer Hayashar" — a review of the new bilingual edition of the 13th-century ethical work, "The Book of the Righteous."

GEORGE LEONOFF takes a day trip by air to Santa Katarina Monastery.

MENDEL KOHANSKY salutes the great Yiddish actor, JOSEPH BULOFF.

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Lea Ben Dor
named editor

The Jerusalem Post announces that Lea Ben Dor has been appointed editor in succession to the late Ted R. Lurie.

Mrs. Ben-Dor joined the staff of The Post in 1935 and has been Deputy Editor since 1961.

Fiat
a man's car



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THE WEATHER

Location	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	18-28	17-27
Nahariya	20-30	20-30
Safed	18-28	18-28
Haifa	20-30	20-30
Tiberias	20-30	20-30
Nazareth	18-28	18-28
Afula	20-30	20-30
Sharon	20-30	20-30
Tel Aviv	20-30	20-30
Lod	20-30	20-30
Jericho	20-30	20-30
Beersheva	20-30	20-30
Sidon	20-30	20-30
Tyran	20-30	20-30

Social and Personal

President Katsir yesterday gave a luncheon for Mr. and Mrs. Henri Glassberg of Paris, Dr. and Mrs. Irving Rosenberg of the University of Chicago and Aluf-Mishne (Res.) and Mrs. Yosef Carmel.

The German Ambassador, Jesco von Puttkamer, called on Housing Minister Avraham Ofer on Tuesday.

The Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Johannes Nestor, called yesterday on the Minister of Justice, Haim Zadok.

The Ambassador of the Philippines, Rafaelita Soriano, this week visited the vocational training and rehabilitation centre and the Orah workshop for the blind at the Women's League home in Netanya.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at 1.15 today at the ZOA House.

ARRIVALS

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DEPARTURES

Swiss Ambassador Hansjörg Hess, with his family, for Zurich, on the termination of his tour of duty as Ambassador to Israel.

Dr. Rave Jaglom, president of World Union, for Geneva (via El Al).

Moche Schuster, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange, for Los Angeles, on behalf of the Israel diamond industry.

Agency probing hostel case

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jewish Agency Comptroller M. B. Meiri was yesterday asked to look into the case of the Israeli couple who lived four months in Tel Aviv's Beit Milman hostel for immigrant professionals.

The couple had reportedly been paying IL220 a month for a flat in the hostel while their own new flat was being completed. The wife's father is the newly appointed deputy head of the Agency's Immigration Department. They were ordered out on Monday by Immigration Department head Uri Narkiss, after the affair was publicized in an afternoon newspaper.

Bonds leaders leave

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — A 55-man Israel Bonds delegation returned to the U.S. by El Al yesterday after three days of consultations with senior Government officials and other Israeli leaders. The delegation leader was Sam Rothberg, National Chairman of the Bonds Organisation.

MIRYAM and ERI WALLISH

happily announces the birth of a son,
brother to Shavit,
grandchild to
Helly and Otte Wallish,
Sarah and Pinhas Hauptmann

APPEAL TO THE RESIDENTS OF TALPIOT, JERUSALEM

The decision of the Jerusalem Municipal Council of August 4, 1974, to permit Egged to set up a garage and bus park in Talpiot was made after the Council had made a thorough, comprehensive check of the matter, and had found that the establishment of the garage and bus park on this site would be to the good of the public and would ensure proper transport services to the whole city, including the Talpiot district; that it would not be to the detriment of the residents of Talpiot. The Jerusalem Municipal Council reached this conclusion, after Egged had given assurances that it would meet the demands made by residents living close to the construction site.

Egged wishes to inform Talpiot residents that it has promised the Jerusalem Municipal Council, and now promises to Talpiot residents that the construction will be carried out in accordance with standards set by the Technion and the Ministry of Health, in order to suppress noise and air pollution, and that separate access roads will be made, a stone wall built around the bus park, and a green belt and avenue of trees will be planted to ensure a pleasant, aesthetic appearance to the location.

Everything is being done — and not as an imposition of a decision, but in a spirit of goodwill — to ensure that the garage and bus park will be a fine, pleasant building. We shall do our best to be a good neighbour, who subordinates his wishes to the wishes of his neighbours.

EGGED

IBB collapse could cost state IL185m.

Jerusalem Post Knesset Staff
Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar told the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday that, "at worst" the seizure of the Israeli-British Bank would cost the Treasury IL185m. However, the losses will be cut to the degree that the Bank of Israel can retrieve funds deposited by IBB in Swiss banks, and can succeed in attaching the assets of companies belonging to the Williams group. According to the Bank of Israel, these companies secured most of the credit granted by the Israeli-British Bank.

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Bank of Israel discussing 90-day credit freeze

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The credit freeze proposed by Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar will be taken up once more today by the Bank's Advisory Council, which failed to approve it last week.

The heads of the commercial banks are opposed to the proposed 90-day credit freeze, which is intended to halve their liquidity deficit. At present, this deficit totals some IL900m. — that is, the banks have lent that much money, out of deposits, in excess of what they are permitted to.

The liquidity deficit has been created by the banks despite fines of 20 per cent and more imposed on them by the central bank. (The real effect of these fines is even higher, since their payment is not deemed a tax deductible item.) The reason for this is the great pressure for credit — part of the total inflationary picture — on the part of clients whom the banks wish to satisfy, sometimes even at a loss.

They oppose the proposed credit freeze because they feel it would hurt not only their business but the economy as a whole. Instead, they ask that they be permitted to increase their loans by 10 per cent.

Truck kills cycle rider

A 54-year-old man, from Kiryat Ekron, Ben-Haim Gazit, was hit by a truck on Tuesday evening as he was riding a bicycle at Bifu junction near Rehovot. He died a short time later in Kaplan Hospital.

MITZPE RAMON was given the "highest priority" for development at Tuesday's meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Development Towns headed by Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev.

Poll shows public 4:3 for Sanbar

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A public opinion poll published yesterday by Dahaf showed that members of the public with an opinion on the matter voted as 4:3 against having Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar resign over the Israeli-British Bank affair. Asked whether Sanbar should quit "in view of the collapse of the Bank and the losses (IL100m. — IL185m.) facing the State," 44.2 per cent said no, 33.8 per cent said yes, and 22 per cent had no opinion.

Benson might commit suicide if the Bank of Israel refused to help him. But, he said, he never dreamed Mr. Sanbar would reveal his name in this context — as he did during the police interrogation.

Mr. Melamed, who spoke with great heat and with what people present, described as "personal venom," accused Mr. Sanbar of lying, falsifying people's words, spreading half-truths and acting despicably.

At one point Mr. Melamed went red in the face and said he was prepared to take the oath that Mr. Sanbar had misrepresented him. Some people present said he whistled off his skullcap so as not to be guilty of blasphemy. Others said the skullcap slipped off in Mr. Melamed's agitation.

The Finance Committee recommended that efforts continue to find a buyer for IBB.

Some of the credit extended by the banks is their compulsory part in export credit funds, for which they receive interest at the rate of six to nine per cent — substantially lower than the interest on commercial loans. To compensate them for this, Sanbar's proposal includes reduction of the banks' share in these funds by IL200m. (The export credit funds now total some IL2,500m.)

The Bank of Israel would then reduce the liquidity deficit by an additional IL250m. out of the banks' funds — paying them at an interest rate as yet undetermined.

The credit freeze would not mean that loans will cease to be given. It would mean the banks could not increase the amounts they have lent, but would have to restrict their lending, during the 90-day period, to the amounts which have been repaid during that time.

Mr. Sanbar is scheduled to report on his proposal to the Knesset Finance Committee on Tuesday. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, meanwhile, will report to the Knesset Economic Committee on Monday on the current economic situation, and on the progress of the Government's recent anti-inflationary measures. Obviously, it is felt that while the Government's measures have the effect of creating an increased demand for credit, this demand must be curbed through the credit freeze — in order for the anti-inflation policy to succeed.

TAXES MERGED

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday voted to combine two of the new levies requested by the Government. They are the increase in the existing Compulsory War Loan (from seven to 10 per cent), and the new 2.25 per cent arms purchases loan.

As a result, taxable income of up to IL6,000 per year will be taxed at the rate of 12 1/4 per cent; at 14 1/4 per cent for income ranging between IL6,000 and IL8,000; at 17 1/4 per cent for income between IL8,000 and IL10,000; and at the rate of 22 1/4 per cent for incomes above IL10,000.

Pay for overtime or night shift work will be taxed at 10 per cent, and there will be no tax at all deducted from the pay of persons whose present annual tax bill does not exceed IL400. The tax floor for the Compulsory War Loan until now had been IL300.

Tamir may be splitting from Likud

By ASHER WALLISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The aftermath of the Sebastia settlement bid, and the public debate over the future of Judea and Samaria, have left clear cracks in the unity of the Likud Knesset faction, which may become worse in time.

This emerged from Tuesday night's stormy caucus, in which the main challenge to the traditional line of no withdrawal from any part of the West Bank came from Shmuel Tamir, the chief of the Free Centre group in the Likud.

In the Knesset yesterday, worried Likud MKs said that Tamir's remark that the Yom Kippur War should moderate party policy as regard no withdrawal, might herald his leaving the Likud eventually.

In Tuesday's caucus, Tamir suggested that some sections of Judea and Samaria might not be indispensable to Israel, if peace could be obtained, by relinquishing them. This provoked sharp reactions from the MKs present.

Menachem Begin, leader of the Herut wing and top man in the Likud bloc, took the floor to emphasise that an entire Land of Israel was an essential plank in the party platform. Some withdrawal from Sinai in return for peace was a different matter from giving Judea and Samaria, Begin held.

He reminded Tamir of his remark last year that his Free Centre wing would be a useful counterbalance to the Liberal wing of the Likud, is ever the future of Judea and Samaria should upset party unity. Begin went on to comment ironically that the threat to Likud unity now came from



A big Zeev rocket is fired during yesterday's demonstration by the Engineering Corps, of new equipment. In the foreground, still in its launcher, is another specimen of the rocket developed by the corps for penetrating and destroying fortified positions.

Engineers Corps needs more men

By RONNIE HOPE
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The Army Engineering Corps has completed the first stage of fortifying the frontiers set under the disengagement agreements with Egypt and Syria, the O.C. of the Corps, Tel-Aviv Yitzhak Ben-Dov said yesterday. But it is devoting huge efforts to strengthening the defences, and there is still much to be done.

Speaking to correspondents on the occasion of today's Engineering Corps Day, T/A Ben-Dov said that the main difficulty facing the Corps is manpower to cope with its massive tasks. It was also increasingly difficult to engage private contractors for construction projects, because of the building boom in the civilian sector.

Because of the heavy load of work, Engineering Corps reservists are serving an average of 70 days' duty this year. As an example of the work done so far, over one million mines had been laid since the war and increasing efforts were being made to mechanize this and other aspects of the Corps operations.

Heavy investments in manpower, money and material were being

made in strengthening the Lebanese border since the start of the recent spate of terrorist actions.

There was a shortage of recruits to reinforce existing units and to man the new ones set up after the war. Another grave problem was the difficulty in getting men to sign on for permanent service and to persuade veterans to stay in the army.

Much of the work in the more advanced stages of frontier fortification had to be done by civilian contractors. But engaging them was a very difficult and painful problem because of the competitive market and it raised the whole question of national priorities.

As an example of increased costs, T/A Ben-Dov said that contractors who took IL70 per metre of anti-tank ditch on the Golan last October, were now demanding IL250 for the same job.

Asked about the high rate of wear and tear on civilian earth-moving equipment mobilised by the Army, T/A Ben-Dov said that there was no alternative. The Army had now purchased millions of dollars' worth of such machinery from the U.S., but this would be used primarily as a reserve for emergencies. While the major stream was on

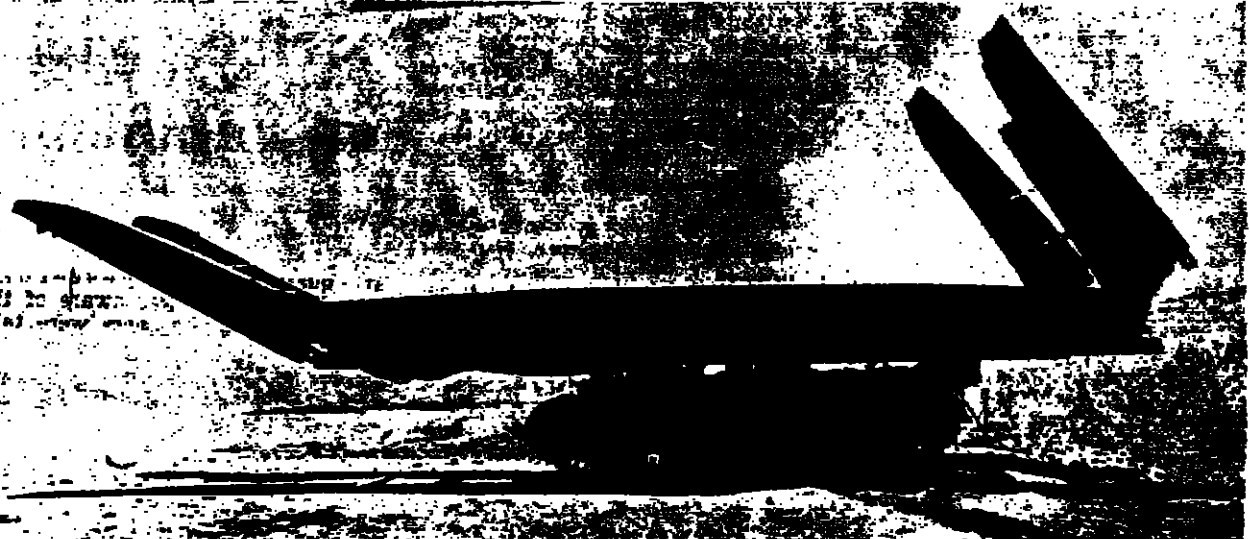
fortification, the Corps was not neglecting its other functions — development of new equipment and training.

T/A Ben-Dov said that the Corps' preparations before the Yom Kippur war and its operations during the fighting had been successful. The fortifications built by the Corps had all held out and not one bunker or fort had collapsed as a result of bombardments. The anti-tank ditches and minefields along the Golan had had a crucial effect in blocking the Syrian assault in some sectors.

But the highlight of the Corps' operations had been crossing the Canal into Egypt, under the heaviest artillery bombardment of the war. The Corps had lost 100 men killed during the war, and another 400 were wounded.

The Engineers had also built new roads, cleared minefields and performed other duties during the war, all under fire.

T/A Ben-Dov was speaking after taking the salute at a passing out parade of a new group of Engineering officers. One of them is a Druse — Segen-Mishne Zohar — 24, of Lod, who is also a graduate of Tel Aviv University.



The Soviet-made T-55 bridging tank, a number of which were captured during the October war and are now in use with the Engineering Corps.

Army asks technicians to stay on

Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur yesterday called on non-commissioned men serving as technicians in the army to stay on after completing their compulsory service in the light of the danger of renewed war.

They and the army's manpower chief, Aluf Moshe Gidron, were addressing an afternoon meeting of 2,000 technicians on the letters' conditions of service in the regular army.

After opening remarks by Mr. Peres, Rav-Aluf Gur and Aluf Gidron, the technicians raised a number of questions about efficiency, conditions and vital need for their service. Mr. Peres in answering stressed that the pressure of time is forcing the army to unusual mea-

sures in order to increase readiness for challenges expected to come. He called on the technicians to show a spirit of self-sacrifice which can carry the rest of the country with them.

Defence Ministry clerks work longer

TEL AVIV. — The working day has been extended in the Defence Ministry offices beginning yesterday. In view of the tense security situation, Defence Ministry workers have agreed to work until five in the afternoon, except in special cases.

Journalists back

broadcasters against cutbacks

The Jerusalem Journalists Association last night rejected as "fundly in principle" a Broadcasting Authority decision to cut back TV and radio staff and programming by 20 per cent.

The decision, taken Monday by the Authority's Management Committee following a long dispute with technicians over grading, must still be approved by a special plenary session of the Authority set for Sunday. The journalists said they will meet today with the Management Committee to try to get them to rescind the cutbacks, which they say contravene accepted labour relations in Israel. They also called on all parties to accept the Histadrut's call for compulsory arbitration.

Cyprus peace talks today

ATHENS. — Diplomatic contacts with both the U.K. and the Soviet Union yesterday focused part of the Greek Government's final preparations for today's resumption of the Cyprus peace conference in Geneva by the Foreign Ministers of Britain, Turkey and Greece.

Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis conferred with Soviet Ambassador Igor Vassilov amid reports that Moscow has pledged its support in the event of a Turkish attack against Greece.

The Greeks also completed talks with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Arthur Hartman, who has also visited Nicosia and Ankara. Hartman's arrival coincided with the disclosure that Greece would attend today's second phase of the conference, despite earlier hesitation on the grounds that Turkey was not complying with the cease-fire agreement reached at Geneva on July 20.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Nicosia yesterday that Turkish troops advanced at least five km. along the Northern Syria coast of Cyprus yesterday in fresh attacks that sent Greek Cypriot forces into disorderly retreat without firing a shot.

Haifa killer flees jailers

AFULA. — A convicted killer who was serving an eight-year sentence escaped from prison yesterday, after convincing his warders he needed to be taken to hospital.

Yosef Daminio, 33, of Haifa, was moved from Sha'ar Prison to the central hospital here yesterday after complaining about severe pains. He escaped from his guards at the hospital and fled. Police set up roadblocks in the area, but he had not been apprehended by last night.

Daminio was convicted at the beginning of 1973 of killing Yisroel Manto, a 72-year-old produce wholesaler, in the doorway of the old man's Haifa home. The charge had been changed from murder to manslaughter, when no witnesses could be found to make the more serious indictment stick. (Him.)

U.N. soldier held for rape bid

TIBERIAS. — A Peruvian U.N. soldier was arrested yesterday on a charge of attempted rape.

The soldier, while on leave from the Golan Heights, allegedly tried to assault a young girl in Rehovot.

The girl and her boyfriend, aged 21, were walking arm in arm along the street when the soldier, who was in uniform, began to talk to them and struck up a quarrel with the young man. The sequence of events is unclear, but the soldier apparently threatened or attacked the youth, who ran to alert the police. He was hardly out of sight when the soldier tried to assault the girl. Her shouts brought passers-by to the scene. The soldier fled, leaving behind a handkerchief with his name and serial number marked on it.

The police turned to the military police of the U.N. force, and as a result of a joint search the soldier was found at five in the morning and arrested.

Ex-JDL man fined and freed

TEL AVIV. — Former Jewish Defence League secretary Yosef Schneider, convicted of illegal possession of an army thunderflash, was yesterday fined IL500 and sentenced to 51 days in jail — the exact time he has already been held since his arrest.

He was acquitted of stealing the thunderflash, a type of military firecracker.

District Court Judge Shmuel Ekwari, in allowing Schneider to go free, said he was taking into account the accused's good former record. Schneider, 23, is a former Jewish emigration activist in the Soviet Union who immigrated to Israel five years ago. During his trial he said he had taken the thunderflash from a drunken soldier friend, to prevent the latter from doing harm with it. He also said he had ended his ties with the JDL. Schneider was given a six-month suspended sentence for possession of the firecracker. (Him.)

The Foreign Press Association mourns the death of its member

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Police asked to probe brain-eating case as students deny act

Jerusalem Post Staff — The revelation of the "brain-eating" case, which has shocked the public and the press, has prompted a demand by the police to probe the case. The students, who are accused of eating human brains, have denied the act. The police are now investigating the case, and have asked the students to provide evidence. The students have refused to do so, and the police are now considering a search of the students' homes. The case has caused a great deal of concern in the public, and the police are now working to restore order. The students are now being held in custody, and the police are now conducting a full-scale investigation. The case has caused a great deal of concern in the public, and the police are now working to restore order. The students are now being held in custody, and the police are now conducting a full-scale investigation.

for keeping one's sanity. "But we didn't go beyond that, and we're shocked that anyone could believe that a medical student could put a piece of a cadaver into his mouth." The students say they will appeal against the board's decision, "but they have not yet notified the University of their intentions." The Tel Aviv University medical students' union yesterday called for harsher punishment of the offenders, including barring them from any further medical studies at all. "We are thoroughly convinced that there is no room whatever for people of that sort in the medical profession," they continued.

PERSPECTIVE NEEDED The students' union pointed out, however, that "this singular and mindless act should be regarded by the general public in its proper perspective, and should not be used as a pretext by extremist groups to launch an incitement campaign against the profession and the science as a whole." Bar-Ilan University students made a similar statement later in the day. Shock over the incident reverberated through the Knesset yesterday as various MKs asked for further investigation, stricter supervision in dissection rooms and psychiatric examinations of the offenders.

Three MKs — Ora Namir (Alignment), Elisha Sela (ILP) and Shimon Peres (Aguda) — tabled parliamentary questions to Education Minister Aharon Yariv. The chairman of the Knesset Education Committee asked the heads of the Hebrew University Medical School to appear before them next week to discuss the affair. Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, MK (Alignment), wrote to Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, saying that the country's universities are "hotbeds of moral degeneration" and called for an urgent Knesset debate on the affair.

stadtrat rejects Bar-Lev's plan on price increases

Jerusalem Post Reporter — The Histadrut yesterday reported that it is unable to accept the Minister of Commerce and Industry's plan to increase prices. The plan, which was proposed by Minister Bar-Lev, would allow manufacturers to raise prices by up to 10 percent. The Histadrut, which represents the interests of workers, has rejected the plan, arguing that it would lead to inflation and would harm the economy. The Minister of Commerce and Industry has responded by saying that the plan is necessary to ensure that manufacturers can cover their costs and that it will be implemented. The Histadrut has threatened to take legal action against the government if the plan is not withdrawn. The Minister of Commerce and Industry has said that he is prepared to negotiate with the Histadrut, but that the plan must be implemented. The Histadrut has said that it is willing to negotiate, but that the plan must be modified. The Minister of Commerce and Industry has said that he is prepared to make concessions, but that the plan must be implemented. The Histadrut has said that it is willing to negotiate, but that the plan must be modified. The Minister of Commerce and Industry has said that he is prepared to make concessions, but that the plan must be implemented.

— IN THE KNESSET — Shemtov: Solution for kidney patients lies in transplants

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter — Health Minister Victor Shemtov said yesterday that with the continuous introduction of additional kidney dialysis units in hospitals, all the kidney sufferers now waiting in line for treatment could be taken care of within 16-18 months. But, in the long run, he believed, the only real solution would be more kidney transplants. Another solution might be communal artificial kidneys, which would be operated by the patients' families. Mr. Shemtov was replying to a motion for the agenda by Moshe Shabai (Alignment) which was voted to committee. (The head of hospital services for the Ministry of Health, Dr. Y. Preis, said last week that the problem was not one of machines — but one of personnel trained to operate them. Mr. Shemtov did not say yesterday what, if anything, was being done to train more personnel.) The Minister stressed that the treatment of kidney patients was extremely costly, and that the budget would never allow for all the machines and the "army of nurses" needed to serve all the country's present and future kidney patients. Mr. Shemtov added that his ministry could save the lives of 100 heart attack victims with the same money it cost to save five kidney patients. Mr. Shabai urged in his motion that more hospitals in the Haifa area start performing kidney dialysis to take care of those at present not getting the treatment. He urged that Kupat Holim also get kidney machines. Mr. Shemtov said, in reply to another motion for the agenda by Gideon Palti (Likud), that he would examine the legality of the release form which Hadassah Medical Centre in Jerusalem allegedly demands from patients before admission. Mr. Palti said far too many cases had occurred in Israeli hospitals lately of doctors and nurses making mistakes and totally escaping responsibility. The motion was moved to committee. Also at yesterday's session: A private member's bill by Shalom Levi (Alignment) to increase fines for litterbugs was voted to committee. A private member's bill by Shmuel Tamir to link the level of income tax deductions per member of family to the Cost-of-Living Index was voted to committee. A motion for the agenda by Yosef Tamir (Likud) over over-exploitation of the nation's water resources was referred for a full-dress debate in the plenum.

Zadok condemns Porush's threat to act on Silwan

Justice and Religious Affairs Minister Haim Zadok yesterday delivered a double rebuke to the Aguda's Member Porush in the Knesset, in connection with the latter's campaign to protect the ancient graveyard on the Mount of Olives. He was replying to Porush's motion for the agenda. Zadok warned Porush that the Government would take firm action against ultra-orthodox circles who defied the ban on all work at the graveyard's fringes on the Silwan road, resulting from the High Court's interim orders in its consideration of two pleas. Zadok also rebuked Porush for discussing the sub judice issue of the Silwan road in the Knesset, although the House Committee had restricted him to the general topic of "Jordania desecration of the Mount of Olives graves."

Benefits urged for parents of four or more

A Haifa Knesset Member, Moshe Shabai (Alignment), has drafted a private member's bill to provide extensive material benefits for large families, and has already collected the signatures of 30 MKs as his co-sponsors. Shabai told The Jerusalem Post that he hopes to collect 61 signatures, more than half the House, before the summer recess in mid-August. Shabai's bill would assure privileges in the spheres of education, housing, income tax, customs, municipal rates and more, to any family with more than three children, in which one member of the family has done army or other security service. Shabai equated the privileges, in many cases, with the material benefits granted to immigrants.



MINIATURE POSEIDON. — This 18-centimetre-high statue of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea, was recently acquired by the National Maritime Museum in Haifa, through a gift from Mrs. Leopold Blumka of New York. The bronze statue is believed to be 1,900 years old and is the first three-dimensional image of Poseidon in the museum's collection (so far its only sea gods are on ancient coins). The trident which Poseidon (or Neptune) traditionally holds in his left hand has been broken off this statue, as has the left foot. His right hand holds a dolphin. (Photo Sadeh)

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Haifa merchants must sweep their pavement

Jerusalem Post Reporter — This city should be a lot cleaner in a month or so when the Minister of Interior ratifies and gazettes a by-law passed by the Municipal Council last night after many years of deliberation, requiring shopkeepers, owners of kiosks, cafes, talafel stands, petrol stations, restaurants, and other business premises to keep their adjoining sidewalks clean. "Sidewalk" will mean up to six metres from the shop front. The by-law lays down the sidewalk must be swept between 10 and 11 in the morning, and between 4 and 5 in the afternoon. If an establishment is opened on Saturday nights, the sidewalk must be swept again in the evening hours. Failure to keep his section clean to the satisfaction of city inspectors makes the responsible owner or operator of the business liable to a fine of IL500. If the offence continues, he will be liable to a further fine of IL20 a day after he has been convicted or warned by the city. Dr. Dov Laufer (Likud) argued that it was the duty of the local authority to keep the streets clean, and the by-law discriminated against self-employed persons by imposing on them what is essentially a public responsibility. Dov Frommer (NRP) and Gideon Tsa-har (Likud), while supporting the law, pointed out that it made shop owners liable to prosecution even if passers-by threw litter on the sidewalk in front of their premises. Laws against litter should be enforced against pedestrians, they held.

Moslem women's league founded

Jerusalem Post Reporter — A Moslem Women's League has been founded here, the first in the country. It will organize social events for its members — most of whom have been house-bound in accordance with tradition — and also open clubs for guidance on family and maternity problems. According to the founders, 250 women have joined so far. The league will remain non-political, they said.

Beware of Kissinger, says U.S. rabbinical leader

Jerusalem Post Reporter — "Israel must be wary of Henry Kissinger, he's a danger to the Jewish people," said a leading rabbinical leader yesterday. He said that Kissinger's policies were aimed at the destruction of the Jewish people and that Israel should be prepared to fight against him. The rabbi said he was upset by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's recent statement before the Presidents' Conference that the "Who's a Jew?" controversy should be settled by a consensus of all streams of Judaism. "It was rather like someone being invited into a home and insulting the host. It wasn't the time or place to discuss it," he said. Rabbi Schoenfeld asserts that the Orthodox had no intention of raising the Law of Return issue, but "had to join in after the Conservative and Reform leaders started it." Referring to recent interviews with dovish Israelis in "The New York Times" and "Newsweek," Rabbi Schoenfeld said he thought the State Department was encouraging the publication of such articles to affect American Jewish public opinion. "When Diaspora Jews read that Israelis aren't opposed to giving up their land for peace, they'll be more prepared for the next painful step — massive withdrawal," Rabbi Schoenfeld said he agrees

Beersheba ma'abara committee fighting for better housing

By H. BEN-ADIM, Jerusalem Post Reporter — The Beersheba ma'abara committee is fighting a battle for the rehousing of its residents — and for the committee's right to determine who gets what apartment. This week the committee obtained court orders to prevent one ma'abara family from moving into a flat which had been given to it without the committee's consent. The issue dates back to the beginning of 1973, when an agreement was reached between the inhabitants of the ma'abara, the Ministry of Housing, Amidar and the Beersheba Municipality to move the Meshek Ezer families — now living in asbestos huts — to proper housing units in town by March 1975. Priority for rehousing was to be established according to the number of children in the family and how long it had lived in the ma'abara (temporary housing camp), which has been in existence since 1958. The residents' committee was subsequently suspected of taking bribes. It dissolved, pending investigation by the police. A new committee was elected which, on July 22 of this year, reached an agreement with the other parties to the project whereby Amidar promised not to move any families into new housing without the committee's consent. On July 30, however, Amidar signed a contract with a family of three who had been living in the ma'abara for only one year. Michael Shechter, his wife and baby were given the key to a 64-square-metre flat. As a result of a complaint by the committee, restraining orders were issued late Sunday night to the family and to Amidar's legal advisor. The orders, issued by Magistrate's Court Judge Yehuda Eilat, were to prevent the family from moving into the flat for seven days. The Shechters, on receiving the order, immediately moved into the flat. The committee's lawyer, Yosef Shmuel, registered complaints on Monday with Amidar's legal adviser, Ranko Mirkush, and with the police (who said yesterday that they were investigating). Amidar replied that the restraining order was belated, since the contract had already been signed. Mr. Shmuel, however, feels they should evacuate the family from the flat, and is suspicious about their failure to do so until now. Ari Bar, deputy district manager of the Housing Ministry, says 20 apartments are currently available for the residents, but have been rejected by the committee. The committee confirmed this, but said the flats are not acceptable. The apartments provided must be in the neighbourhood of good schools, they insist, so as to ensure a better future for the children of the ma'abara.

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Institute opens for strategic analysis

Jerusalem Post Reporter — The Israel Institute for Strategic Studies and Political Analysis is being inaugurated today with a symposium at the ZOIA house here. The day-long discussion on "hazards and prospects in the Israel-Arab conflict" will be addressed by Prof. Hans Morgenthau and Defence Minister Shimon Peres. The director of the Institute is Dr. Avigdor Levi, Senior Middle East Affairs Lecturer at Tel Aviv University. The chairman of the board of Studies is Samuel Sax, president of the Exchange National Bank of Chicago; its directors include Aluf (Res.) Haim Herzog, bankers Ernst Yaffe and Yaacov Levinson, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, Prof. Sashia Amiel, Dr. Oded Eren, Moshe Arens MK, and U.S. Prof. Morton Kaplan and Richard Foster.

One million in education system

The total enrollment in the educational system, from kindergarten to university, will pass the one million mark for the first time in the history of the State, when the school year opens on September 1. This was reported yesterday by Education Minister Aharon Yariv at a ceremony on Mount Scopus, where the Hebrew University's Centre for Pre-Academic Studies was dedicated in honour of Joseph Sathel, of France.

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On Sunday, August 11, 1974, funerals will be held at Kiryat Shaul Military Cemetery

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13.30	בשעה	סמל ברטולילה קרולוס (שלום) דל
12.00	בשעה	סמל ברטולילה קלמן דל
09.00	בשעה	סמל גרס שמואל דל
10.30	בשעה	סמל הרשמן אהרון דל
18.00	בשעה	סמל יונתן יוסף דל
15.00	בשעה	רבית כבוד נתן דל
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13.30	בשעה	סמל פורטנוי אמיר דל
15.00	בשעה	סמל פרימור (פלוצק) דני דל
09.00	בשעה	סמל שטיינברג יעקב דל
16.30	בשעה	סמל חורן אריה דל

Transport arrangements have been made between the families and the Town Majors

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. House voted to cut U.S. military aid to South Vietnam by \$300m. on Tuesday night.

The cut left aid at \$700m., a new low since the end of U.S. involvement in the war. It was proposed by Rep. John J. Flynt Jr., Democrat-Georgia, who contended that the cut would serve notice on President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam that he must negotiate a political settlement with the North Vietnamese.

The cut was protested yesterday by the U.S. State Department as "particularly inappropriate in light of setbacks in Quang Nam Province."

Through a spokesman, the Department called for a reversal, saying "such action seriously impairs our ability to continue to meet our commitment to assist the Republic of South Vietnam to provide for its own self-defense."

The cut by the House on a 233-157 vote came as the congressmen voted on the \$4,400m. Defense Appropriations Bill for the current fiscal year. The cut comes off a \$1,000m. compromise authorization the administration had reluctantly accepted.

The House also rejected a new chemical weapons programme on arguments that the expense was unnecessary and might jeopardize international chemical warfare control.

An effort to halt the 10-year-old \$5,000m. Safeguard anti-missile system was defeated.

Debating aid to South Vietnam, Flynt said, "We are not going to pay \$2,000m. a year and let him (Thieu) ignore the political realities that face him." But opponents of the cut, including House Appropriations Chairman George H. Mahon, Democrat-Texas, said it would be interpreted by Hanoi as a weakening of U.S. support for the South Vietnamese.

FIGHTING CONTINUES

In South Vietnam, meanwhile, Communist forces yesterday overran a district town in Quang Nam, according to military sources in Saigon. Thung Duc town, one of the major targets of a widespread Communist military campaign, fell after an all-night battle, the sources said.

The Saigon Government said earlier only that "Government forces had lost radio contact and the fall of the town was 'a matter of hours.'" There were reportedly heavy casualties on both sides in close-quarter fighting.

Saigon has warned the Vietcong that if Thung Duc or other threatened towns fell that would be regarded as tearing up last year's Paris peace agreement.

But a Foreign Ministry statement yesterday denied that Saigon would "abolish" the accord.

(AP, UPI)



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Rumania tries to head Concorde flies off Sino-Soviet rift to Iran in half the time

VIENNA. (Reuter). — Rumania called yesterday for a new form of "superior unity" among Communist nations to overcome tensions between the Soviet bloc and China.

The call for a fresh approach to international relations came as Rumanian Foreign Minister George Mavrocescu conferred in Peking with senior Chinese government officials.

The visit — Mavrocescu stopped in Moscow on his way to Peking — provoked speculation that Rumania may be engaged on a new bid to mediate between the bitterly divided Communist giants.

The Rumanian official newspaper "Scintila," in a major editorial, said the two parties should stop blaming or condemning each other and should settle differences by inner-party contacts "in a spirit of mutual esteem and respect."

At a banquet in Peking on Monday, Chinese Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei lavished praise on Rumania's individualistic foreign policy, which often finds Bucharest out of step with Moscow.

There have been signs of new coolness between Rumania and the Soviet Union in recent months, following an apparently acrimonious encounter between President Nicolae Ceausescu and Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev at a meeting in Warsaw in April.

The two leaders are divided over Soviet plans for an international Communist conference, with Ceausescu insisting there must be no attempt to condemn China's disavowal of the United Front conference, is now being prepared, but it is unclear whether Rumania will take part.

The newspaper claimed credit for Rumanian efforts in "remaking and strengthening the unity of the Communist and workers' parties," and the new agency reported from Bucharest.

Rumania is the only member of the seven-nation Warsaw Pact to maintain regular and apparently

SUPERIOR UNITY

The "Scintela" editorial yesterday said that "superior unity" in the Communist bloc must be based on full equality of all parties, non-interference in internal affairs and recognition of each party's independence.

friendly contacts with China, and has several times tried to mediate between Moscow and Peking.

Other members of the Communist alliance also maintain diplomatic ties with China, but their other relations are frigid.

By contrast, Aggerres said Moscow-Peking talks were taking place in a warm atmosphere, "in the spirit of the traditional Rumanian-Chinese relations of fraternal friendship." Both governments wanted to expand their relations, Aggerres said.

Causeco's refusal to accept doctrines laid down by Moscow — plus the general fluidity of views about the Communist conference — may have led to cancellation of a traditional summer summit of Soviet bloc leaders at Brezhnev's holiday home in the Crimea.

Instead of a joint summit, Brezhnev and Kadar will meet in the Crimea with Czechoslovak party leader Gustav Husak and Hungary's János Kadar during the past week. Polish leader Edward Giersek has also been holidaying in the

ARAFAT. -- Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, visited an international Communist youth village near Frankfurt am Oder yesterday, the East German news agency ADN reported.

TEHRAN (Reuters). — The super-sonic Concorde cut the flying time from London to Teheran in half yesterday and an Iranian airline chief said: "It looks certain we will buy it by the end of the year."

Decked out in British Airways livery, the Concorde flew the 2,510 nautical miles from London in 3 hours 33 minutes. For about a quarter of that time it travelled at twice the speed of sound. Normal London-Teheran flying time is 7 hours 20 minutes.

Waiting to greet the party of 51 invited passengers was General Ali Khademi, managing director of Iran Air.

"At the moment we are discussing specifications," General Khademi told newsmen. "We hope to sign a contract by the end of the year, perhaps after October."

The general beamed at the aircraft on the tarmac and said: "It's on the line. We are the owners."

Iran Air has already signed a preliminary purchase agreement to buy two Concorde, with an option on a third.

One Iran Air official said the airline was hoping to start a seven or eight hour route with Concorde from Teheran to New York — a journey that now takes over 18 hours.

An Iranian purchase would be a big boost for Concorde. Apart from the five orders by British Airways and four by Air France, the only other customer in sight at the moment is China, which has signed a preliminary agreement to buy three Concordes.

Hussein arrives for first official visit to Canada

OTTAWA (AP). — Jordan's King Hussein was at the controls of his personal Boeing 707 when he arrived here Tuesday for a two-day stop-over on his way to an air show on Canada's west coast.

After landing his Royal Jordanian Airlines jet to a stop, he and Queen Alix (a former stewardess) were met on the tarmac by External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp and Justice Brian Dickson, who was standing in for Governor-General Jules Légar.

Russell was to hold meetings with Sharp and Prime Minister Trudeau yesterday and attend a formal dinner before taking off for Vancouver this morning.

It was the King's first official visit to Canada, prompted by an invitation to be a guest of honour tomorrow at the air show in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

The King made no public statement on his arrival here. After receiving a guard of honour and signing the guest book of the Canadian Forces base, he was whisked away by motorcade to the official guest residence near Government House.

Security forces trade details on terrorists' arms

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Arms and bomb disposal experts in Europe and America have built up an international library of information about the bombs and weapons used by terrorists in at least a dozen countries, according to press reports from Belfast.

Details of the explosives used by guerrilla groups as far apart as Italy, Northern Ireland and the U.S., together with the methods used in neutralizing the bombs, are being circulated among security forces by Interpol.

The British Army in Ulster will shortly be receiving reports on the bombings in Paris and Italy over the weekend. By a reciprocal arrangement police in every Nato country have been able to study documents drawn up by the army in Northern Ireland. These give precise details of the bombs and weapons used by the IRA and the Protestant extremists, including details on timing mechanisms, booby traps, pressure switches and homemade chemicals.

Compiling all this information helps police in various countries to understand the various types of devices used and to be able to defuse them when they come across them for the first time.

Collecting information on this scale also enables the security forces in different countries to trace links between various revolutionary groups. The Provisional IRA, for example, is known to have had direct contact with Arab terrorist movements, although so far the use of the Soviet-made RTG 7 rocket launcher is the only factor the two have in common. In Dublin there are rumours that IRA men have also been in contact with Breton nationalists.

Bonn and Syria restore links

DAMASCUS (UPI). — The Syrian and West German governments yesterday agreed to restore diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, government sources here said.

Texas lawyer admits bribing John Connally with \$10,000

WASHINGTON (AP). — Texas lawyer Jake Jacobson yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of bribing his one-time friend, John B. Connally with \$10,000 in milk money.

In return, the Watergate special prosecution force agreed to drop the Government's seven-count indictment against Jacobson in an unrelated savings and loan scandal in San Angelo, Texas, and to drop the federal criminal charges against Jacobson concerning matters already uncovered by the federal milk price supports in March 1971.

Jacobson was one of three aides to the late President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Hart asked him how he pleaded. "I plead guilty, your honor," Jacobson responded. Hart then asked Jacobson if he had in fact paid Connally \$10,000 in cash in exchange for the indictment charges in the indictment. "Yes, sir," Jacobson said, his voice barely audible.

In response to other questions,

Jacobson was indicted last week at the same time that Connally was named in a five-count indictment charging bribery, perjury and a conspiracy to defraud the state. Connally is scheduled to enter his plea tomorrow and has said he is innocent.

Jacobsen promised prosecutors to testify at a trial if called as a witness. He is expected to be the Watergate prosecutor's star witness at the anticipated trial of Connally, a former

er Secretary of the Treasury and one-time Governor of Texas.

Jacobson said, in pleading before U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr., that he had given Connally two \$5,000 payments on behalf of his client, Associated Milk Producers

Inc., the nation's largest dairy co-operative.

The money allegedly was given to Connally in return for his help in persuading President Nixon to raise Jacobson's license to sell milk. Jacobson faces a maximum possible sentence of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. He also is almost certain to lose his license to practice law.



(cAP radiophoto)

Stuntman walks tightrope between N.Y. skyscrapers

NEW YORK (AP). — A man identified by authorities as a professional stuntman from France took a tightrope walk 412 metres in the air between the rooftops of the World Trade Centre's twin 110-storey-to-hid overnight in the topmost storerooms of the structures, New York's tallest. Shortly after dawn, one of the three fired a cable with a crossbow-type device to the other rooftop about 21 metres away.

He thrilled the curious below, at one point hanging by his heels, as police rushed to rooftops to apprehend him. When it was over, they took him to a hospital's mental ward for psychiatric evaluation.

Police at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, with wires attached to prevent sway, Petit began walking from one building to the other. He got about three metres from the second rooftop and stopped for about four minutes. Then, police said, he walked back to the first tower — where police were

New York and New Jersey said he was Philippe Petit, 24, and that he had done similar stunts at the Eiffel Tower in Paris and in Australia.

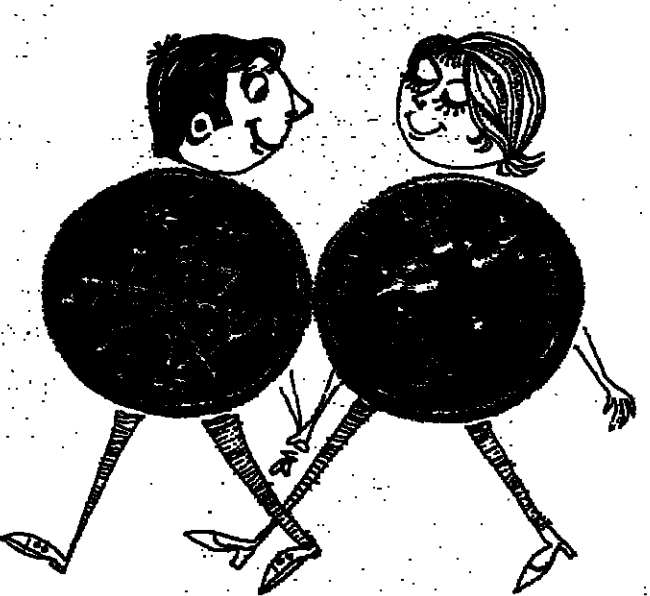
Petit and two photographers with him had been planning the stunt for some time. They arrived in the U.S. about August 1.

As Pettit, clad in black tight-fitting clothing, carrying a balance pole, walked from one rooftop to a point close to the second rooftop and back again, crowds gathered on the Lower Manhattan streets and traffic stalled. Police found it hard to get to the rooftop.

One of the first to witness the stunt was Richie Santiago, a guard at the centre. He said he had to report the walk to officials and police several times before anyone would believe him.

Petit and his friends apparently disorderly conduct charges.

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CHANGES IN TRAFFIC ROUTING IN JERUSALEM CENTRE

From Monday, August 12, 1974, routing of traffic in the centre of Jerusalem will be as shown in the map:

**Traffic route—exit from Hillel St. to Hamelekh
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FORD PREPARES TO TAKE OVER

(AP). — Aides to Vice President Gerald R. Ford say he is preparing to assume the presidency by studying major problems — especially economic and foreign policy. He was said to be keeping close touch with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and top defense policymakers. Former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird would have a key role in the Ford administration, according to the paper.

An aide said that Ford realizes his political future following assumption of the presidency would depend on a successful assault on inflation and would make this his top priority, along with the restoration of public confidence in the administration.

Ford met with President Nixon's closest aide, White House Chief of Staff Alexander M. Haig Jr., yesterday, at Haig's request, according to Ford's press secretary, Paul Mitchell. Mitchell refused to elaborate on the contents of their talk.

Earlier, White House sources acknowledged that a presidential resignation remains a possibility.

'Nixon's lawyer forced him to release tapes'

RALEIGH, North Carolina (UPI). — Presidential lawyer James St. Clair forced the latest Watergate tape disclosures by threatening to resign and to announce that President Nixon was withholding damaging evidence. This was reported yesterday by the "Raleigh News and Observer."

Quoting a "highly-placed Washington source," the newspaper said St. Clair's ultimatum last weekend prompted Nixon to release additional taped conversations containing the evidence that has led to the current clamor for his resignation.

The source, which the newspaper said had close ties with the White House and Congress, said several other legal staff members said they would leave with St. Clair if he walked out. Confronted by that prospect, Nixon agreed to release the damaging tapes by late Monday afternoon, the newspaper said.

The paper said St. Clair first discovered the content of the tapes last week.

Selassie a figurehead under draft constitution

ADDIS ABABA (UPI). — Prime Minister Meles Zenawi yesterday announced a new draft constitution stripping Emperor Haile Selassie of his 3,000-year-old absolute powers.

The draft came after six months of unrest and rebellion sparked by Ethiopia's armed forces. Hundreds of persons, including politicians, businessmen, local officials and relatives of Selassie, have been arrested on charges of corruption.

The proposals disclosed by Zenawi and Education Minister Tekle Tsadik Mekuria on television and radio would make Selassie, 82, a constitutional monarch.

On the throne 43 years, Selassie is one of the world's longest-serving rulers. Under the draft constitution, he would lose his absolute power, based on the 3,000-year-old dynasty founded by the biblical King Solomon.

Selassie's power would go to an elected parliament, with the monarch reigning as a symbol of national unity, Zenawi said. Parliament would also appoint the prime minister — named up to now by the emperor.

The draft also appeared to open the route to the throne to a woman for the first time. Selassie's grandson, Prince Zera Yacob, is the heir, but the draft said that after him there need be no discrimination as to the sex of the ruler.

The Armed Forces Coordinating Committee said two more close aides of Selassie were marked down for arrest. They were his personal aide-de-camp, Lieut. Gen. Assefa Demissele, and his private treasurer, Blatta Adamassu Retta.

Twelve more officials, 11 of them judges, were arrested on Tuesday.



Philadelphia balloonist Bob Berger signals his crew to let go as he takes off from the Naval Air base at Lakehurst, N.J., Tuesday morning. He was planning to cross the Atlantic, but was killed when he crashed in a bay a few hours after he lifted off. (AP radiophoto)

Trio arrested in bombing of Italian train

BOLOGNA (UPI). — Italy's national anti-terrorist squad yesterday arrested three alleged members of the neo-Nazi Black Order and sought two more as suspects in the weekend bombing of the Rome-Munich express train.

Investigators said one of the suspects, Emanuele Bartoli, 19, of Carrara di Sesto near Bologna, was charged several months ago with attempted homicide for an attack on a member of the extreme left-wing organization called "The Struggle Continues." The other suspects seized in pre-dawn raids were identified as Italo Bono, 20, and Gaetano Casali, 42, both of Bologna.

Searches of the suspects' homes produced arms and "compromising" documents linking them to the train bombing and to an abortive dynamiting hours earlier of Bologna's Public Security Commission offices, authorities said.

The evidence included the manuscript of a typewritten manifesto left in a telephone booth on Monday in which a Black Order cell claimed responsibility for the train bombing and said that it could plant bombs "where we want, at any time, in any place" and Nazism "will return for the salvation of Italy."

Investigators said the suspects' voices matched those of anonymous callers who told the newspaper "Il Resto del Carlino" about the Black Order manifesto and said Padua would be their next target.

One of the callers said Padua would "pay heavily" for the unsolved assassination of two members of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement following a bombing on May 25 that killed eight anti-Fascist demonstrators in Brescia. The Black Order also claimed it carried out the Brescia bombing.

In the attempt on the Public Security offices, a fragmentation bomb made up of five sticks of dynamite was wired to a front door shortly after midnight, police said. A corporal on duty, answering the doorbell, saw the flash of flame as the fuse was lit. He managed to defuse the bomb seconds before it would have exploded, police said.

Twelve persons were killed early Sunday when the bomb exploded as the train neared the end of the longest double-track tunnel in Europe which passes under the Appennine Mountains between Florence and Bologna.



Some of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday morning, after President Nixon admitted he had some Watergate-related information. There was a hectic flurry of trading, which sent the Dow average up 25.52 in the first half hour. (See Wall Street, page 7.) (AP radiophoto)

U.S. woes are Moscow's opportunity Russians already fishing in troubled Western waters

BY WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Special Correspondent

(AP). — At a moment when the U.S. is knee-deep in crisis over the presidency, the Soviet Union is behaving like a shark within reach of the bait.

temptation must be enormous his time of American difficulties. The best Soviet advantage in key areas of East-West competition and there are signs they are beginning to exploit it.

By the Russians have seemed to use the Cyprus situation as a political gain in the so-called world. They have used the East German Communist in new harassment of West traffic to Berlin. They are negotiating for an urgent new Soviet Communist meeting, ostensibly to determine how best to exploit the multiplicity of Western

One thing that could happen would be for terrorist operations again to get so far out of hand as to invite heavy Israeli retaliation and generate such turmoil as to make any settlement impossible. That in turn could erode the foundations of the disengagement agreements on the Syrian and Egyptian fronts.

Because of prospective benefits from détente with the U.S. and the West, the Soviet Union is still being cautious, and seems to want to appear in the role of peace champion. But instability has suited Soviet policy purposes in the past, and it still does in the Middle East.

If Moscow really wanted to further peace there it would offer full re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel, thus recognizing Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

Instead, however, the Russians have been making Mideast matters

worse through their treatment of the terrorist Palestinian Liberation Organization. They have granted the PLO permission to establish a Moscow office, which the terrorist organization is hailing as tantamount to an embassy, and they have recognized the PLO's claim to be "sole representative" of Palestinians at the projected Geneva conference.

If this becomes a sticking point, there'll be no Geneva conference at all. Israel is highly unlikely to sit down with the PLO as an equal, sovereign entity, since to do so would imply serious consideration of the demand for a Palestinian Arab state under the terrorists' authority. Such a state — comprising the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — would bracket Israel on east and west by an entity whose rulers, as Israel constantly points out, are sworn to exterminate the Jewish State.

'Pravda' acts to turn Nixon into 'un-person'

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union — while defending its policy of Soviet-American cooperation — seems to have started to erase President Nixon's name from the historical record. The first step appears

to have been taken to making him an "un-person."

An authoritative article on Soviet-American relations and the Kremlin's peace programme of cooperation with the West in general appeared yesterday in "Pravda," the leading party daily, here, without once naming Mr. Nixon — although the office of the U.S. Presidency was referred to more than once.

The author of the article, Professor N. Lebedev, a doctor of historical science, praised the policy of the Soviet Communist Party and party leader Leonid Brezhnev for achieving a decisive turning point in contemporary affairs with its opening up to the West — above all to the United States.

But the first step towards converting Mr. Nixon into an un-person for the Soviet reader appeared to have been taken when Prof. Lebedev referred to last month's summit meeting in Moscow with "the President of the United States."

In other passages Dr. Lebedev referred to historic agreements between Moscow and Washington leaders — all nameless — and demonstrated how Soviet policy had brought about a new balance in world affairs by demolishing the Western attempt to negotiate from positions of strength.

Détente was also presented as being more broadly based than just resting upon the twin pillars of Soviet and American support. France, West Germany, and Italy were cited as countries closely involved in the process.

On another page "Pravda" printed without comment Tuesday night's Tass report disclosing for the first time that President Nixon now admits he faces impeachment and possible loss of office.

A week ago the President was frequently named in articles and was shown in a television series with Mr. Brezhnev, signing documents agreed on at their last meeting here a month ago and at previous meetings.

French clap bogus duke behind bars

PARIS (UPI). — Ignoring his warnings of a serious diplomatic conflict, French police yesterday said they have arrested and jailed Count Othmar di Schmieder Rocca-Forozata, Grand Duke, of the Principality of Freedomland, and his 130 kg. ambassador to France, Jean-Pol Gall.

National security agents have also seized the Grand Duke's coat of arms: a yellow crown and a winging white albatross, and impounded his stock of passports and credential letters printed in Manila, the Philippines, police said.

The quick police action Tuesday ended the existence of Freedomland, "a 74-island archipelago 2,000 miles from Borneo," which the French Foreign Ministry was unable to find on any map.

The Grand Duke himself, however, Austrian metal worker Othmar Schmieder, 46, is a familiar figure to Interpol. He was taken to La Santé prison Tuesday (leaving behind an unpaid hotel bill of 16,000 francs) on charges of issuing false checks in the name of a West German chemical concern. Envoy Gall was locked up as his accomplice.

Heavy stewardess can't be grounded due to weight

TOKYO (AP). — The Tokyo District Court said yesterday that Air France's dismissal of a 37-year-old stewardess because of her obesity was unreasonable and ordered the company to reinstate her.

The court said in an injunction, "She is not too fat for her age according to Japanese standards and her appearance is suitable to her age."

Japanese stewardesses employed by Air France are supposed to retire upon reaching the age of 35. But they may keep working until 40 years old, renewing their contract every year after 35.

The stewardess, Nobuko Furuki, who weighs 57 kilograms and is 169 centimeters tall, was fired on June 16 because Air France said "she is too fat, not well-proportioned and not suitable to the company's image of the stewardess."

The court said that since Japanese stewardesses employed by other airlines were not all slender and well-proportioned, Air France's claim of a medium-sized Japanese woman as a standard stewardess is without foundation.

Meanwhile in Brussels, stewardesses demanded "beauty tests" for male airline staff. They were protesting against the "aesthetics commission" of the Belgian Airline Sabena, which judges the looks of stewardesses.

The protesters claim that the commission often dismisses stewardesses when they reach age 40. Some demonstrators demanded that, if the commission is to continue its work, it should also judge stewards and other male crew members on their looks.

"Look at all the bald pilots with bulging waistlines," one stewardess said. "They would never get through the commission."

British sue to evict Stonehenge squatters

LONDON (UPI). — The Government went to court Tuesday to get the Wallies of Wessex out of their wigwams at Stonehenge, Britain's most famous Stone-Age monument.

Round One went to the Wallies. Further court action was postponed until Monday.

The Wallies of Wessex are a religious group led by Wally Hope, 26, who wears a Cypriot soldier's uniform and proclaims of the ancient stone circle:

"The spot is as holy to us as Jerusalem or Mecca."

On Midsummer's Day, the longest day of the year, another quasi-religious group known as the Druids — popularly supposed to have built

Stonehenge 4,500 years ago, though archaeologists say the monument is far older than the Druids — gather to watch the sunrise over a series of carefully aligned standing stones.

This year the Wallies of Wessex joined the Druids. But when the Druids left, 60 Wallies stayed behind. They have been camped outside the stone circle, but within the monument's precincts, ever since that June 21 morning, living in wigwams.

"We are known as Wallies to confuse the authorities," Hope said. "We believe in peace and love. We abhor drugs and free sex."

He said his 60 followers were worshipping various gods during

their Stonehenge sojourn. These included the sun, the environment, Buddha and the mystic poet of the Sioux Indian tribe, Ogobolala.

Each morning the Wallies hoist a large red flag over their encampment. The Department of the Environment thinks they have hoisted it too often.

The department went to court Tuesday for a possession order for the land the Wallies occupy. Action was postponed to allow the group to be represented legally.

Legal arguments will center on the bequest provisions under which Stonehenge belongs to Britain. A Mr. Chubb bought it at an auction in 1915 and left it to the nation.

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World banking community is in a nervous mood

THE BANKING community even in the world's main financial centres appears to be in a nervous mood, according to the Weekly Review circulated privately by the British-based Intelligence International Ltd.

Following the collapse of several British secondary banks and the problems facing a number of German banks, the Review states, it is now obvious that some of the leading American banking houses are under pressure as a result of their recent policy of rapid expansion.

These problems come at a particularly awkward moment for the world's bankers. In every advanced country inflation is running at such a high rate that people are beginning to lose confidence in money. If, as some bankers fear, hyperinflation becomes the order of the day during the next year or so, there will almost certainly be a flight away from money on such a scale that the smaller banks will be hard put to withstand it.

On top of that, the international banks have yet to show that they will be capable of handling the unprecedented problems which will arise when the vast new revenues of the oil-producing countries really begin to make an impact on the world's money markets.

But do the recent bank failures herald a disastrous period for the banks? Not necessarily. In many cases the banks which have collapsed were run by men whose greed was exceeded only by their own lack of judgement. They moved outside the traditional areas of banking and indulged in property and currency speculation on a scale which must be described as reckless.

There is a place for property transactions and currency speculation in the free-enterprise system — but not when they are carried out by bankers using short-term, borrowed money.

\$ rises in Lilienblum

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The dollar rose slightly yesterday in Lilienblum, probably as a consequence of the latest figures on the adverse balance of trade. One hundred dollar banknotes rose from IL4.85 per dollar to IL4.90 and even IL4.95; smaller dollar banknotes rose from IL4.80 to IL4.85; dollar cheques (of first quality) remained at IL4.80.

Other prices: DM, IL4.82; Dutch florin, IL1.72; French franc, IL0.95; Swiss franc, IL1.57; pound sterling, IL2.20; sovereigns, IL2.25; rand, IL1.80; eagle, IL1.080; peso, IL1.040; silver, IL1.050; gold, IL24,000; three-piece set, IL3,750; two piece set, IL4,300 and platinum coin, IL1,700.

Tax demand will crush merchants, Rabinowitz told

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Treasury's proposal to raise advance income tax payments from self-employed persons by up to 30 per cent will financially destroy many merchants, Moshe Perlik, secretary-general of the General Merchants' Association, wrote Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz on Tuesday.

Mr. Perlik, who called on Mr. Rabinowitz to reconsider this step, pointed out that in May advance payments on income tax had been raised by up to 50 per cent. Furthermore, the new tax demand came at a time when the "economic restraint policy" was beginning to be felt, and turnovers in most shops had fallen off.

Mr. Perlik also accused the Ministry of knocking under to pressure from the Histadrut, which was unjustly claiming that merchants are not carrying their share of the tax burden.

Move to avert partial Dimona Fibres closure
DIMONA. — An appeal to save the jobs of 350 workers was made this week to the Knesset Economic Committee, which was asked to examine plans by Dimona Fibres to shut down their yarn curving and knitting sections.

Bill to protect flat purchasers gets Cabinet OK

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Beginning with January 1 of next year, sales contracts for apartments will have to specify certain technical details of the flat. That is, assuming the Knesset approves an amendment to the Sales Law (Apartments) which the Cabinet has approved for immediate tabling in the House.

An earlier date had been set when the law was first enacted, but the Housing Ministry asked for a delay when it found that the job of drafting the regulations, required as an appendix to the law, was more complicated than it expected.

The purpose of the law is to protect the purchaser and ensure he does not buy "a pig in a poke."

The item was omitted from last Friday's Cabinet communiqué owing to a minor technical hitch.

Letter defamed judge

The Supreme Court, by majority decision, dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on May 10, 1973 (in Cr. A. 578/71).

The appellant, Shlomo Saidman, was the plaintiff in a civil case heard by Judge Shamir of the Tel Aviv District Court. During the course of his examination by the defendant's counsel, Judge Shamir commented on his replies in what he considered to be an insulting manner.

He later wrote to the judge asking her to disqualify herself from hearing his action, alleging that her insulting comments constituted a breach of professional ethics and betrayed a prejudiced attitude towards him. He added a few other homilies concerning his concept of how judges should conduct themselves and read Judge Shamir's letter to the Courts Administrator and the Minister of Justice.

When Judge Shamir refused to disqualify herself, Mr. Saidman withdrew his action.

He was later charged in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court with intent to defame a judge contrary to section 131 (1) (a) of the Criminal Code Ordinance, and was found guilty. He appealed to the Tel Aviv District Court, which was dismissed and he appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mr. A. Spier appeared for the appellant and Mrs. Eshel, Assistant State Attorney, for the State.

JUDGMENT
Justice Ben-Zion, who delivered the majority opinion of the Supreme Court, Judge Asher concurring first considered the question of whether the appellant's comments in his letter had been privileged by virtue of section 13(5) of the Defamation Law, 1965, the relevant part of which provides that any publication by a party to a legal proceeding made in the course of the proceeding is privileged.

From a study of the leading English case, he held, it would appear that the expression "in the course of legal proceedings" could be narrowly interpreted as meaning before a lawfully recognised court or tribunal (see 1973, 3 Q.B.D. 255). However, this was too narrow an interpretation to be reconciled with the proper and free conduct of trials without trepidation and the fear of being involved in criminal or civil defamation. In fact, he continued, yet other English precedents show that privilege is granted to every step taken in connection with legal proceedings at every stage, and this includes written applications required in the ordinary course of a case, as long as publication of the application is not made to persons unconnected with the case (see 1961, 3 All E.R. 740).

In the matter under consideration, however, held Justice Ben-Zion, the appellant had not confined himself to writing to the judge, but had sent copies of his letters to the Courts Administrator and the Minister of Justice who were in no way connected with the case, and this despite the fact that he

In the Supreme Court sitting as court of criminal appeals
Before Justice Ben-Zion and Justice Asher.
Shlomo Saidman, Appellant, v. State of Israel, Respondent (C.R. A. 364).

LAW REPORT

Edited by Doris Lankin
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1974

LITIGANT FOUND GUILTY OF DEFAMING JUDGE

certainly rebutted when the offending words in the appellant's letter were read in context. For in the circumstances of the case it was clear that the appellant had felt most aggrieved by the judge's remarks to him and had lost his faith in her ability to judge his case dispassionately and fairly. The whole purpose of his letter to her had been, therefore, to cause her to disqualify herself from hearing his action and to agree to transfer it to another judge—and this was confirmed by the fact that he had withdrawn his action after the judge had refused to comply with his request.

He agreed with the Magistrate's court, continued Justice Etzioni, that the appellant's letter betrayed lack of manners and respect. But this was a long way from betraying an intention to defame Judge Shamir. In fact, he was surprised that anyone should have seen fit to bring a criminal action against the appellant instead of allowing the matter to blow over. In England, for example, he continued, there had been only a handful of similar charges during the course of the present century, and these had been mainly against publications in the press, and only in cases where there had been scurrilous abuse of a judge (see The Law and the Press — The Report of a Joint Working Party of Justice and Reg. v. Gray, 2 Q.B.D. 1900/36).

Justice Etzioni then went on to concede that when the important principle of protecting the dignity of the judiciary clashes with the equally important principle of freedom of expression and criticism, then it is not always easy to decide which should take precedence. However, he did not think that the judiciary should be placed in an ivory tower and declared sacrosanct, and thought that even if it sometimes happened that a judge were subjected to unjustified and unbridled criticism, this was the price one had to pay for democracy. For it was only in the totalitarian states that a citizen would not dare to criticise the regime or the courts.

The criticism, however, he continued, had to be fair, restrained and material, although even if it sometimes exceeded the bounds of good taste that would still not justify stifling it by bringing criminal actions in any but the most exceptional circumstances. In the present case, however, he did not, with all due respect to Judge Shamir, think that a criminal action was called for in order to protect her dignity.

JUSTICE ETZIONI
In his minority opinion, Justice Etzioni held that he could not agree with his colleagues that the prosecution had proved beyond all reasonable doubt that the appellant had intended to defame Judge Shamir. He had reached this conclusion, he continued, because, first, he did not think that the offending sentences in the appellant's letter to the judge were so unequivocal that there was no alternative but to conclude that their only purpose had been to degrade the judge and bring her into contempt. And, secondly, because even if the offending sentences were unequivocally insulting, then there was still only a *prima facie* assumption of intention to defame, and this assumption was

INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PAZ LIMITED

Condensed Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1974

	1974	1973
Investments	17,802,453	18,126,578
Cash and other current assets	652,021	283,767
	18,454,474	18,410,345
Less:		
Proposed dividend and other current liabilities	1,455,959	1,817,645
Long-term liabilities, less current instalment	135,000	270,000
	1,590,959	2,087,645
Net Worth	16,863,515	16,322,700
Represented by:		
Fund-up share capital	11,880,800	10,800,700
10% distribution of bonus shares	—	1,080,100
Capital reserve	3,090,740	3,124,415
General reserve	1,800,000	1,600,000
Undistributed profits	111,975	222,495
	16,863,515	16,827,700

The complete financial statements may be obtained at the office of the Company or from banks.

STREET

Closing Wednesday, August 7, 1974

Stocks surge ahead

TEL AVIV (AP). — The stock market surged ahead again yesterday, with the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange closing at 1,135.50, up 1.5 points from the previous day's close.

Overwhelmed by a surge in the New York Exchange, trading was lighter than it had been yesterday, however.

12 3/8	Cont Oil	39 1/4	Int T & T	30 1/4	Revere Cop	8 3/8
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18 7/8	Dist Seag	3 3/4	Litton Ind	6 5/8	Shell Oil	43 1/4
36 7/8	Dow Chem	67 1/2	Lockheed	4	Singer Co	28 1/4
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38 1/2	Goodrich	80 3/8	Oliva Corp	17	Unroyal	7 5/8
2 3/4	Goodyear	16	Otis Elev	26 3/4	Unit Aircraft	27
18 3/8	Grace & Co	24	Owen III	36 1/2	Unit Brands	5 7/8
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47 1/2	Gulf Oil	20 1/8	Penn Centrl	1 7/8	US Tobac	13 3/4
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Summary Consolidated Statement of Condition as at June 30, 1974

(Rounded to IL Thousands — Unaudited)

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DRAINING COFFERS

THERE IS no general rule on the amount of foreign currency reserves a country should maintain. Nor can there be. For the reserves kept by a central bank are not intended for operational purposes, and most international trade is now based on credit lines of the commercial banks.

A convenient rule of thumb puts the minimum reserves advisable as the equivalent of three months' worth of imports. According to another view the emergency reserve should be no less than the quarterly foreign trade deficit. By both yardsticks Israel should keep a reserve of approximately \$900 million — though it would be prudent for a country so dependent on imports, and so exposed to risks to keep above that line, especially in the current state of worldwide economic uncertainty.

At the end of July, the Bank of Israel's foreign currency holdings amounted to \$1.2 billion (apart from close to \$1.5 billion in foreign currency held by our commercial banks). This is considerable even by international standards, and well above the cited safety limits. However, these reserves are less than what we held a year ago, while our foreign trade deficit has risen. And what is really worrying is that the reserves are now declining rapidly. Since the end of 1973 they dropped about \$500 million, and this trend is expected to continue.

Economists have been forecasting such a drop for a long time, but when the predictions were first published they were

written off as panicky. It was felt that something would happen to prevent the drain. Business continued as usual and now the bleak forecast has come true.

Because the size of its reserves is considered an indicator of a country's creditworthiness, the government will probably try to arrest the decline by increasingly borrowing abroad. This will involve a net loss in foreign currency since the costs of servicing the foreign debt will rise. What matters is not so much the amount of the reserves that we shouldn't use but the use we make of the rest of our resources, especially if that causes excess spending of foreign currency.

The basic pattern of our economy cannot be changed overnight, and a dramatic cut in living standards would bring about great social stresses. But that does not mean that nothing or no more can be done to boost exports or to cut imports so as to save, say, \$60 million a month to help make ends meet.

The daunting size of our aggregate trade deficit ought not to discourage us from doing what we can to keep it under control.

The austerity policy launched by the government is meeting increasing opposition, partly because the dimensions of our economic crisis has not yet been made to penetrate the public consciousness. It is time therefore for a practical and urgent programme designed to put our economic house in order while we still have time.

ISRAEL PRESS

'Why did Nixon confess now?'

Daver (Hetzdruv) argues that President Nixon's dramatic statement that he was involved in the Watergate cover-up operation, coming after 18 months of strenuous denial, can only make matters worse for him. Many Republican Congressional leaders worry about the effect that Watergate will have on their electoral chances in November's Congressional elections. They will, therefore, put pressure on Nixon to resign.

Ha'aretz (Independent) states that "droves close to the White House" were convinced that Nixon was about to announce his resignation, but changed his mind at the last moment. Why has Nixon made a confession that practically ensures that the House of Representatives

will recommend his impeachment by the Senate? The paper asks.

Nixon's own statement that his resignation would create a dangerous precedent of "expulsion from the White House" by the media and certain sections of public opinion may be genuine, but there could be other reasons:

- Nixon is considering resignation but wants to know what the Congress will give him in return.
- He wants a quick decision in the belief that there is not now a two-thirds majority in the Senate in favour of his impeachment.
- He feels that he has transgressed, but his transgression does not warrant impeachment; the Senate should censure him instead.

FOREIGN PRESS

Papers say Nixon finished

Britain's national newspapers yesterday bannered the story of President Nixon's decision to fight to the end to keep his job, and editorially urged his immediate resignation.

Under the title, "Nixon must go now," the Guardian in an editorial commented, in part: "Better a mediocrity than a crook... In one of his televised statements President Nixon declared: 'I am not a crook.' The tapes have shown him to be both a liar and a crook. By 8 p.m. President's own professed standards,

his removal from office would be justified merely for the persistent manner in which he has lied to the American people."

The Times of London said editorially, "Mr. Nixon is finished. There can no longer be any doubt about that after his extraordinary statement on Monday night... The need for the President's resignation or for a very quick disposal of the impeachment proceedings is therefore more urgent than ever."

In Beirut the Daily Star said in an editorial: "President Nixon's days in the White House are numbered. Even his staunchest supporters can see that much, and many of them are admitting it."

It went on: "As far as the Arabs are concerned, a change of presidents in the U.S. may endanger the whole process towards peace in the Middle East, especially when the Vice-President (Gerald Ford) is a man with a one hundred per cent pro-Israel record."

The French-language L'Orient-Le Jour also warned about the danger to peace which Mr. Nixon's departure would pose in the Middle East. "One may ask oneself whether, with the Republican administration paralysed, it will not be the ideal opportunity for the realization of Israeli ideas of 'preventive war'."

The following is the first exclusive interview the American Vice-President has given on the Middle East.

By Trude Feldman

WASHINGTON — "IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT of the United States today, what course would you follow in the Middle East?"

"The first thing I'd do," Vice-President Ford told me, "would be to support Dr. Kissinger one hundred per cent. In my judgment, no Secretary of State in my lifetime has had the support of the public in the U.S. to the extent that he has. If he makes a decision in the resolution of the Middle Eastern problem, I believe the American people, by an overwhelming majority, will support him, because he's the one who put the negotiations together. And he's the one person in the history of that area who is able to talk to both Arabs and Israelis, and have the confidence of both."

"The American people know that Dr. Kissinger is trying, unselfishly and objectively, to find an answer that will protect Israel on the one hand, and the Arabs on the other. So if they

can reach an agreement and Dr. Kissinger assures us it's a fair compromise, I believe Americans will support him."

Mr. Ford continued: "I do know that both Israelis and Arabs consider him a brilliant man and trust him as the Secretary of State under President Nixon. It is remarkable how fully he is trusted abroad. It's really amazing how Arab leaders meet with him one day and don't object to his meetings with Israeli leaders the next day or vice versa. Has any other Secretary of State been as successful in this regard?"

Just prior to our interview, Mr. Ford had had a 45-minute personal briefing from Dr. Kissinger. He said he expects a similar briefing every two weeks; and in the interim, daily briefings from the CIA and frequent briefings from General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

Although he has not yet visited Israel (a scheduled trip was cancelled when his wife was taken ill), Ford has been a staunch supporter of the Jewish State throughout his Congressional tenure.

"I did, and still do, support military help and weapons for Israel in order to keep a proper military balance," he said. "But now it would be helpful if we



Gerald Ford

can get some agreement between both Israel and the Arab nations and between the Soviet Union and ourselves to reduce the weapons build-up in the Mideast."

Vice-President Ford said American-Israeli friendship must be fostered because both this friendship and this policy serve the cause of peace.

"American-Israeli friendship is rooted in the traditions of both peoples who share a common bond based on the Judeo-Christian heritage. America's ardent support for the cause of the national restoration of Zion can be traced back to colonial days when the Puritan fathers manifested their love for the Hebrew culture, continuing to the present time as we stand on the threshold of the bicentennial of our Independence."

Mr. Ford added that the United States "must continue to give Israel the backing necessary to maintain the credibility of our friendship."

"The central aim of our policy in the Middle East must be to prevent events that would cause a breakdown in the emerging structure of world peace. Our ultimate and overriding objective is a permanent and just peace in that region," he said. "This is in America's national interest; and we are firmly committed to doing everything we can to help achieve that objective."

The Vice President pointed out that the U.S. has followed a constructive course in the Mideast. "We have avoided 'instant' solutions. We know that 'instant' solutions lead to 'instant' wars."

Mr. Ford recalled that every American President of the 20th century has supported the Zion-

ist ideal. "Both of our major political parties are committed to Israel's survival," he said. "It is vital that this bipartisan backing of Israel continue. Our backing should continue through military credits, supporting assistance and grants to resettle immigrants. Those who truly care about Israel's survival must exert bipartisan support through actions, not only by words. We must retain our unity since unity strengthens the hand of our President in his efforts to promote peace."

Mr. Ford described President Nixon's June trip to the Mideast as a "very successful mission" which he "accomplished with great dignity and distinction." He added that there had been apprehension in some quarters that the "vital mission might not achieve the objectives we all hoped for," but that at the conclusion of the five-country journey, the action taken by the President had "cemented the great accomplishments of Secretary of State Kissinger during his negotiations."

Mr. Ford noted that a new chapter in the search for peace had been written when, for the first time in the long and bitter history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, both sides had agreed to direct talks.

(Trude Feldman is the Washington correspondent for a number of U.S. Jewish newspapers.)

READERS' LETTERS

A chapter in Ted Lurie's life

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — May I add another personal tribute to the many which have been paid to the unforgettable memory of Ted Lurie.

I have just read the full page article on Ted, entitled "Hatikva" (June 7). It was a reprint of Ted's story from Rome which was featured by The Palestine Post on September 26, 1944. It brought back many poignant memories, for it was about that time that I first met Ted.

I had come up to Rome on a special assignment from Naples where I was serving with the Psychological Warfare Branch of Allied Force Headquarters. In Naples, I had become involved in the Jewish rescue programme conducted through the personnel of the Palestine Unit of the British Army. Only a short while before, I had attended a meeting with the late Moshe Sharet, or Shertok, as he was then known, who was on a special mission to Italy. I channelled my activities through Chaplain Eshkol, of the Palestine Unit, whose Jewish Soldiers Club in Naples served as a common meeting ground.

I arrived in Rome shortly before Rosh Hashana, September 18, 1944, the first since the liberation of the city. It was an unforgettable Rosh Hashana. At the services in the Tempio Maggiore, there were hysterical scenes as families and friends who had survived the horrors of the Nazi occupation were reunited for the first time. The services were jammed with Jewish soldiers from many countries. The city was rife with rumours. The Chief Rabbi of Italy, Antonio Zolli, presided at a special large service for the Jewish soldiers of the Allied armies in the Opera House. He delivered a moving address and nobody there in on that man was even then receiving instruction in the Catholic Church and that his conversion was only several weeks away. There was an almost surrealistic atmosphere in Rome at that time.

It was during this period that I met Ted. We had several discussions on the problems we were facing. He was deeply involved in his rescue mission and gave it everything he had. I remember the meeting of Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith with the stateless refugees, which Ted described so vividly. His report is a great human document.

Ted's efforts to obtain certificates for Palestine were unsuccessful and he was bitterly disappointed. However, he had the problem and made it clear to those in authority that there was only one acceptable solution to the dilemma of Jewish homelessness. The war was not yet over, but eventually Ted's valiant efforts were to bear fruit.

Those were hard, difficult days and those of us who were involved in any way remember the many frustrations in Jewish rescue. Ted's story put on record the tribulations of those days and is a fine chapter in the story of his eminently useful life.

SAMUEL H. ABRAMSON
New York, July 28.

AIRPORT CLEAN-UP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to the letter of Mrs. Gottlieb about dirty cloakrooms at Ben-Gurion Airport in your issue of July 16. (This letter was forwarded in March to the Ministry of Transport which transmitted it in April to the airport. — Ed. J.P.)

The Administration of Ben-Gurion Airport is unfortunately well aware of this problem. When our new director took over, it was brought up. He is devoting much attention to it and makes regular inspection tours of the airport, with emphasis on cleanliness, particularly in the lavatories. In addition, a special budget was allocated to improvement of the situation.

We hope that, on her next trip to the airport, your correspondent will note a considerable improvement.

NITZA TAMAR, Public Relations Officer, Ben-Gurion Airport, Lod, July 25.

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Those were hard, difficult days and those of us who were involved in any way remember the many frustrations in Jewish rescue. Ted's story put on record the tribulations of those days and is a fine chapter in the story of his eminently useful life.

SAMUEL H. ABRAMSON
New York, July 28.

INFURIATING STRIKE AT TELEVISION HOUSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I wish to express my disgust at the unheard of affront of Television House staff.

Without even trying to consider the reasons for this lamentable incident, I can find no excuse for any group of civil servants paid by the taxpayer to ridicule the entire population by cutting off a feature show in the middle under the pretext of the "undisputable" right to strike.

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H. GROSSMANN
Holon, July 25.

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Senate prepares for impeachment

By JOSEPH KRAFT

WASHINGTON — THE PRESIDENT'S latest release of material from the White House tapes shows that the light of reality is at last beginning to break in on Mr. Nixon. To admit, as he now has, that he allowed his lawyers to lie to the Congress and to the Supreme Court makes sense only in the context of a bargain on resignation.

Still, it is just possible that there will be a Senate trial. In that context, there is need to pay special attention to the ego games now being played in the Senate on the issue of the rules of impeachment.

The Senate rules for impeachment were written over a 100 years ago for the trial of Andrew Johnson. They were subsequently amended as less absorbing impeachment trials came up. Not surprisingly, they are not only archaic, but full of ambiguities and uncertainties.

For example, the rules say nothing about standard of proof to be used or rules of evidence. They have no provision for the kind of pre-trial stipulation between defence and prosecution which does much to give pace to modern trials. Far from accommodating to the development of mass media and increased citizen interest, they stipulate that Senators can only speak in Executive sessions.

The most ambitious and hard-working Senators long ago perceived that mastery of the rules would yield important opportunities for arbitrating the impeachment trial. On the Democratic side, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, the Majority Whip, began steeping himself in the lore of impeachment. On the Republican side, John Tower of Texas, the Chairman of the Policy Committee, began developing staff resources to deal with impeachment procedures.

The possible advancement of these conservative Senators worried some of their more liberal brothers. Four liberal Senators from both sides of the aisle — Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Philip Hart of Michigan, Democrats, and Jacob Javits of New York and Charles Mathias of Maryland, Republicans — made a study of the Senate rules. The study isolated many anachronisms and ambiguities, which were then summarized in the form of 97 questions and addressed to Senate

individual senator vote according to his own judgment.

Despite their less than insoluble nature, these questions have taken on importance because big Senate egos are involved. So unless the procedural difficulties are eased in advance, they could be used by the President's defenders to tie the Senate in knots.

At least two good ways to limit the procedural difficulty commend themselves. First, the Senate Rules Committee could authorize Chief Justice Warren Burger to arrange for pre-trial consultation with the prosecution and the defence. By advance stipulation, many of the most abstruse procedural issues could be solved even before the Senate trial got under way.

More important still, there is the principle of open procedures, including television coverage of the trial itself. It is not merely that democratic sentiment favours maximum publicity. As a practical fact, full coverage, and especially television, works to cut down on ego games. As the House Judiciary Committee hearings showed, the camera tends to make elected officials careful and responsible. They are conscious of being on television, and the instinct to play Number One, which is given free rein when the Senate operates as a kind of closed private club, is held in check by the fear of being held up to public scorn.

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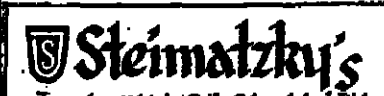
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